

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY

MOUNT WAVERLEY

WELCOME

Fourth Sunday of Advent

24 December 2017



Christmas and New Year Services



Christmas Eve – 24th December

5.00 p.m. Contemporary Eucharist with Children's participation

11.00 p.m. Midnight Mass

Christmas Day – 25th December

7.45 a.m. Holy Communion with Carols

9.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist with Carols

Epiphany – 31st December

9.00 a.m. One service only

Baptism of Our Lord – 7th January 2018

7.45 a.m. Holy Communion

9.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist

2nd Sunday After Epiphany – 14th January 2018

7.45 a.m. Holy Communion

9.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist

10.30 a.m. Contemporary Eucharist

At Worship Today:

Prayer of the Day:
Gracious God,
whose eternal Word took flesh among us
when Mary placed her life at the service of your will:
prepare our hearts for his coming again
and keep us steadfast in hope,
that we may be ready for the coming of his kingdom;
for his sake, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.



The Sanctuary bell will be rung 5 minutes before the service begins to observe a time of quiet.

9.00 am (SE) A Prayer Book for Australia - page 119
Presiding at the Eucharist: Revd Dianne
Preaching: Revd Dianne
Musical Setting: Dudman
Introit: **TIS 265**
Sentence: The virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and his name shall be called Emmanuel.
Lighting of the candle: **Hymn 289** vv.1,2,3 & 4
First Reading: 2 Samuel 7.1-11,16
Gradual Psalm: **Song of Mary**
Second Reading: Romans 16.25-27
Gospel Acclamation:
Gospel Sentence: A virgin will give birth to a son: His name will
be Emmanuel: God is with us.



Cantor: Glo - ry and praise to you. _____ Lord Je - sus Christ. _____
All: Glo - ry and praise to you. _____ Lord Je - sus Christ. _____

Gospel: John 1.26-38
Offertory: **Hymn 302**
Motet: A maiden most gentle - French Traditional
Recessional Hymn: **Hymn 294**

People of all Christian churches, who are communicants of their own church, are invited to share Holy Communion with us

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7.1-11, 16

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ²the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' ³Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.' ⁴ But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: ⁵Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' ⁸Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

Second Reading: Romans 16.25-27

²⁵ Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— ²⁷to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

Gospel: Luke 1.26-38

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' ³⁴Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' ³⁵The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God.' ³⁸Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.





LENTEN PROGRAM

An opportunity to reflect and share together

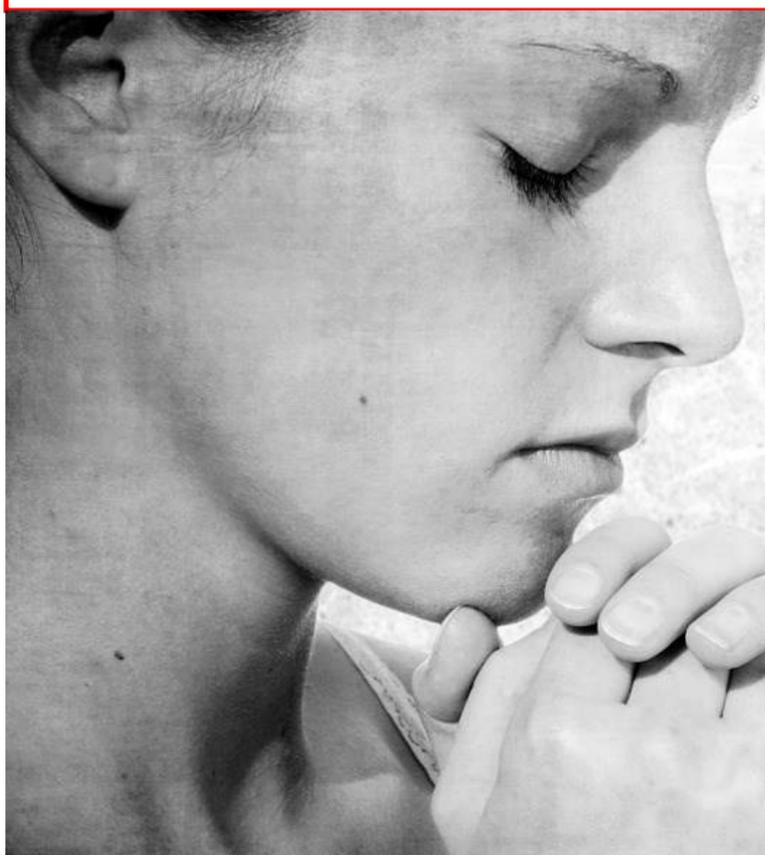
ON: Thursday evenings 7.30pm – 9.30pm

DATES: Feb 15th 22nd, March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd.

AT: The home of Val Dyke

COST: \$10.00 for the booklet payable when you see Val or on the first night

Booklets need to be ordered please place your name on the Lists in the Narthex and in the Coffee Area



Lenten Spirituality

Tuesday Nights 6pm - 8pm incl. fellowship over dinner and presentations on spirituality by guest speakers.

\$5 per head per evening

Tuesday 20th February
until Tuesday 13th March

Sign-up sheets
in Narthex and Parish Centre

WARNING

As we are now in the silly season, scammers use this time to contact elderly people, claiming to be from Optus, Telstra, Microsoft or some other well-known company. They will tell you that there is a problem with your computer and they will ask to send you a file so that they can "fix the problem". Once they have been able to access your computer, they will tell you that you have a serious problem and it will cost you money to fix. If you refuse to give your credit card, they then send a virus to encrypt files on your computer. When you next use your computer you will be confronted with a requests for a password, which, of course, you won't know. Often, they will ring you back, offering to fix the problem for money.

We have a parishioner who accepted a call from someone claiming to be with Telstra, they sent files which then corrupted the computer and broke the hard disk, and now the computer has to have a new hard disk installed and be completely rebuilt.

No legitimate company will ever ring you to tell you there is something wrong with your computer. NOT EVER. If you receive a call like this, hang up immediately. There is no way that company could possibly know that there was something wrong with your computer unless you called someone to come fix it or you took it to a repair shop yourself.

Be wary of scammers at this time of year.

Post Fete Christmas Stalls

Thank you to Phoebe and Ann, and all who contributed, for running the Post Fete Christmas Stalls.

Another \$1097.60 was raised!!!

Well done, good and faithful stewards.

Dianne



Kids' church will be in recess from December 24th until January 28th 2017 inclusive.

Children's Activity Packs will be located in the Narthex during the month of January.

Date for your diary

Jazz Night

Friday 16th February 2018

Australis Certificate of Ministry

will develop your capacity to:

- ✦ Find yourself in the Bible's story
- ✦ Reflect on what being a Christian means for you and others
- ✦ Pray and worship God with your heart and mind
- ✦ Serve your community with love and hope
- ✦ Understand the Anglican Church in history and in your parish
- ✦ Celebrate the gifts, perspectives and experiences of all God's people.



Develop your faith, ministry and discipleship with a community of learners in the context of your church and your life.

Australis Certificate of Ministry is a programme of theological education used throughout Australia and New Zealand under the auspices of the Anglican Diocese of Bendigo and formerly known as the Trinity Certificate in Theology and Ministry.

For further information please speak to Rev Dianne or Irene Donohoue Clyne. We hope to start the course in March 2018 . You may wish to check information about the course at www.bendigoanglican.org.au/australis-certificate-of-ministry.

Afternoon Meditation Gatherings

1st Wednesday of the month at 2.30pm in the Chapel, based on Ignatian Spirituality. A Sacred Space where you can find rest and stillness, listen and centre yourself. Spiritual food is offered to aid reflection and meditation. Contact Val Dyke on 9807 3168. **We will be in recess following the Advent quiet day and resumes on the Lenten Quiet Day on 10 February 2018**

Evening Meditation Gatherings

2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 7.30pm in the Old Church, based on the Contemplative Traditions of Christian Meditation. Contact Michael Mosley on 9807 3168. Next session will be on **8 February 7.30pm** in the Old Church, then on **22 February 2018**.

Dates to put in your diary ...

Sunday Advent 4- December 24 2017

9.00 am Joint service
5.30 pm CE with Children's participation
7.30 pm Tamil service
11.00 pm Midnight Mass

Monday Christmas Day - December 25 2017

7.45 am Holy Communion with Carols
9.00 am Sung Eucharist with Carols

Saturday

3.00 pm - 9.00 pm Chinese church (Old Church)

Sunday

9.00 am SE
10.30 pm Tamil service

Office closed until 12 January 2018

Next week: The Epiphany of Our Lord - December 31, 2017

Readings:

Isaiah 60.1-6
Psalm 27.1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3.1-12
Matthew 2.1-12

9am

Stewards/Welcomers:

SE S Lieversz SS
M Noblett
T Syfret

Readers:

SE J Brown
H Brown

Eucharistic/Chalice Assistance:

SE I Smith
J Brown
H Brown
V Dyke

Intercessor:

SE B Chugg

Mainly Music continues to engage with young families. You are always welcome to come along and see what we do. Tuesdays & Wednesdays 10.30am - 12 noon, Parish Ctr, during school term.



Galahkookemu

Held on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7.00 pm dinner/gathering off site at Mitcham. We explore how to follow the Benedictine way of life in today's world.

www.monasteriesoftheheart.org

Visitors are always welcome.

Contact Christine Mallouhi 0409 829 389

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Priest The Rev'd Dianne Sharrock
(Day off - Monday)

Assistant Curates The Rev'd Kathryn Watt
The Rev'd Garry Deverell

Children's and Families' Minister Becky Sims
(Tues, Wed, Thurs)

Music Director David Cundy

Secretary Joan West

Treasurer TBA

Office Administrator Katherine Rushby

Churchwardens: Kevin Phillips, John Foster, Rowena Ferguson

Parish Council: Geoff Crawford, Graeme Dellora, Elaine Fasken, Judith Gibson, Doug Hastings, Sherredan Maher, Peter Northwood, Joan West

Pastoral Care Ministry:

Home Communion and General Visiting: Vicar & Assistant Curates

Aged Care Chaplaincies: Bruce Chugg

Hospital Visiting: Clergy

Funeral Ministry: The Vicar

Contemporary Eucharist Contact: Rowena Ferguson

Pastoral Associate (Emeritus): Trevor Bickerstaff

Spiritual Director Val Dyke

Prayer Chain contact Margaret Syfret

SERVICES:

Sunday	
7.45am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
9.00am	Sung Eucharist (APBA)
10.30am	Contemporary Eucharist (Children's Participation)
Tuesday	9.15am, Morning Prayer
Wednesday - Friday	9.00am, Morning Prayer
Thursday	10.00am, Eucharist